

## PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2012

#### 7:00 PM – BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM

Committee of the Whole Board meetings does not typically consist of motions. Discussion is held on the agenda items and the Board may or may not elect to move an item to the Regular meeting where motions are made.

- ITEM 1      Call to Order  
Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Charles Scovill
- ITEM 2      Pledge of Allegiance
- ITEM 3      Roll Call  
Members present by roll call: Charles Scovill, Tom Sego, Greg Daenzer, Mark Briggs, Jack Kelly, Mark Ruzinsky  
  
Members absent by roll call: Tracey Hammond
- ITEM 4      Approval of Agenda  
Moved by Mr. Ruzinsky, supported by Mr. Kelly, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.
- ITEM 5      Public comments on agenda items  
No comments were made at this meeting.

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- ITEM 6      Taylor & Morgan, P.C. representative Dana Taylor explained the 2011-2012 audit.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

##### **Technology**

- ITEM 7      Technology Update  
Jesse Hagensen, Director of Technology, gave an update regarding technology. Every classroom has document cameras and SmartBoards which were purchased by bond monies. He also discussed numerous computer labs, laptop labs and iPad labs available to staff throughout the district and the re-structuring of the district technology committee. There is an estimated \$115,000-\$120,000 remaining in the bond technology fund.

Mr. Lockwood read an email from Stephanie Kittleson, middle school science teacher. Mrs. Kittleson explained how her 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are using their iPADS in her class and she thanked the Board for the purchase of the iPADS.

##### **Finance/Personnel**

- ITEM 8      Termination of our Adult & Alternative Education Consortium participation  
Mr. Lockwood stated that a letter has been sent to the Morrice Area Schools Interim Superintendent stating Perry Public Schools' intension of withdrawing from the consortium. A letter from the law firm of Lusk and Albertson is expected soon with their opinion of the withdrawal procedure in order to protect the interests of the Perry Public Schools.
- ITEM 9      Deficit Elimination Plan and General Fund Budget Revision  
Todd Rathbun, Director of Finance, gave an update on the deficit elimination plan. The district is awaiting official word from the state on the acceptance of the plan.

- ITEM 10      Operating millage restoration or renewal  
Discussion was held on whether to place this proposal on the May 2013 ballot.  
It was decided to take this under advisement and have it brought back in front of the board after the first of they year.
- ITEM 11      Consideration of reversing the action taken at the previous board meeting to approve the payment of bills  
Discussion was held on this item and no action was taken.

### **Buildings & Grounds/Policy**

- ITEM 12      Policy 9250 - Use of District Facilities  
Discussion was held on this item and a recommendation that the Board hold a workshop in February 2013 to discuss this policy in detail. The workshop would include Board members, booster groups, community members and the District's insurance representative.
- ITEM 13      Policy 1320-R - Agenda  
Discussion was held and the board agreed to add this policy to the agenda of the next regular meeting for its first reading.
- ITEM 14      Policy 1210 and 1210-R - School-Community-Organizations  
Discussion was held on this item and it was sent back to be re-evaluated by Tom Segog and Pam Ryan based on committee discussions and a possible first reading.
- ITEM 15      Policy 1510 and 1550-2 - Bylaw and Policy Development System  
Discussion was held and agreed to add this policy to the next regular meeting for first reading.

### **Public Relations/School Improvement**

- ITEM 16      Top-performing PHS students who are struggling. (This topic was incorrectly identified. The topic should have read: Top-performing PHS students who are helping struggling students)  
Jim Lockwood reported that top performing PHS students are tutoring students who are struggling with a subject.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Mr. Lockwood read a resignation letter from Abu Towghi, boys and girls soccer coach. Mr. Lockwood read a letter from a parent thanking Mr. White, middle school principal, for being easy to work with, welcoming, and very visible to students and parents at middle school sporting events. Mr. Lockwood read a letter from a board member who thanked Mr. White and Mrs. Kittleson for hosting a recent Parents in the Middle meeting at the middle school.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Catherine Hahn stated that when she was on the Board, high school students were invited to sit on the Board but were not allowed to vote on items. She also stated that because of various reasons, students did not volunteer to be part of the Board.

Robert Hahn distributed a letter to the Board stating his view of potential discrepancies in accounting procedures the District uses.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Segog complimented the high school on the recent National Honor Society induction. He also reminded the Board that the November superintendent evaluation needs to be held.

Mr. Daenzer thanked Abu Towghi for his service to the District.

Mr. Ruzinsky stated that the Veteran's Day Parade was wonderful.

Mr. Briggs thanked Mr. White for being a positive influence at the middle school.

Mr. Scovill congratulated the Drama department on their recent production, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. He also reported on the current initiatives of the district Curriculum Council.

Moved by Mr. Sego, supported by Mr. Daenzer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Motion carried 6-0

**FUTURE BUSINESS**

**Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, November 26, 2012  
7:00 PM – Board Room  
Administration Building

**Committee of the Whole Board Meeting**

The date and time will be announced. This meeting may be changed to a regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles Scovill, Board President

Jim Lockwood  
Recording Secretary